

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Jewish Community Alliance (JCA), Accessibility and Fire Safety Building Updates in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jewish Community Alliance, Inc., located at 8505 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32217.

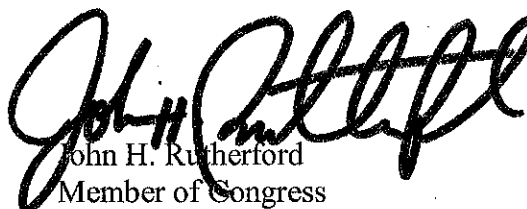
The funding for this project would be used for the procurement and installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant elevator and a building-wide fire sprinkler system in JCA's community center. The addition of an ADA compliant elevator will allow those with mobility challenges to access the second floor of the community center and a fire sprinkler system would help protect guests, including youths and seniors, in the event of a fire emergency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide critical building updates to improve accessibility and safety at the community center. These updates will impact the thousands of individuals who visit the facility every year, including attendees of their various free community programs, elementary school children visiting the JCA on field trips, students enrolled in preschool, afterschool, and youth programs, and staff who work in the building.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) and 5305(a)(5) of the Community Development Block Grant.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress